RULE SHEET

Adverbs of manner: how do people do things?



An **adjective** describes a noun: Mia is a **quiet** girl. An **adverb of manner** describes a verb. It tells you **how** a person does an action: Mia speaks **quietly**.

From adjective to adverb

adjective	adverb	rule
slow, careful	slow**ly**, careful**ly**	+ -ly
easy, happy	eas**ily**, happ**ily**	-y → -ily
terrible, gentle	terrib**ly**, gent**ly**	-le → -ly
good	**well**	irregular
fast, hard, late, early	**fast**, **hard**, **late**, **early**	same form as the adjective

Word order

- The adverb comes **after the verb**: The dog barked **loudly**.
- With an object, the adverb comes **after the object**: Leo plays the drums **well**. Not: Leo plays well the drums.

Careful! After **be, look, feel, sound, smell** and **taste**, use the **adjective**: You look **tired**. The soup tastes **good**. But: She looked at me **angrily**. · **hard** = with a lot of effort. **hardly** and **lately** have other meanings: do not use them for hard and late.

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From adjective to adverb

1 Write the adverb.

Example: slow → *slowly*

1. quiet → _____
2. careful → _____
3. easy → _____
4. terrible → _____
5. good → _____
6. early → _____

2 Adjective or adverb? Tick the correct word.

1. Ava is a _____ singer. ○ beautiful ○ beautifully
2. Ava sings _____. ○ beautiful ○ beautifully
3. The test was _____. ○ easily ○ easy
4. We did the test _____. ○ easily ○ easy
5. Mr Brown is a _____ driver. ○ careful ○ carefully
6. Mr Brown drives _____. ○ careful ○ carefully